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Oregon House Advances Clean Energy Bill Aimed at Lowering Costs for Oregon Families

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the Oregon House passed [HB 4031](#), legislation designed to lower energy costs for Oregonians while accelerating the buildout of clean, renewable power across the state.

The bill streamlines the approval process for certain renewable energy projects. By cutting unnecessary red tape, the bill helps bring new clean energy online faster by reducing costs for ratepayers, supporting local economies, and lowering climate pollution.

“This bill will streamline renewable energy development,” said **Rep. John Lively** (D - Springfield). “It will cut through the red-tape, lower project cost for developers and can shift those savings to Oregonians.”

By aligning state permitting with existing federal incentives, HB 4031 ensures Oregon can fully leverage available tax credits while maintaining strong local oversight. The bill supports solar, wind, geothermal, and marine energy projects – investments that help stabilize energy prices and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Rep. Gamba (D - Milwaukie) emphasized the climate and environmental benefits: “Oregon currently ranks 47th in the nation for the production of clean energy. A big reason for that is the ridiculously long process it takes for citing approval. This bill will be a great test for the question of whether or not we are able to speed up that process. It’s also vitally important for the handful of solar projects in the queue that need to be able to take advantage of an important tax credit before Trump’s cancellation of it becomes effective. Time is of the essence.”

Supporters say the legislation reflects a practical approach to climate action – one that delivers real savings while advancing Oregon’s transition to a clean energy future. Faster deployment of renewable energy can ease pressure on the grid, improve energy resilience, and help protect communities from the long-term costs of climate change.

“Oregonians have sent us a clear message about climate change. We cannot stop moving forward in our search for renewable energies,” said **Rep. Finger McDonald** (D - Corvallis). “This bill will lower costs for utility customers, reduce barriers to siting clean energy projects, and help prepare us for a world without fossil fuels.”

HB 4031 now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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